

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Families and Children's Services was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Clack, Dean, Accavitti, Hammon, Wojno, Stahl, Hoogendyk.

Members absent/excused: Reps. Sheen, Palmer.

Representative Dean moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2007 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Charlotte Smith and Stacie Bladen of the Office of Children's Ombudsman testified on child protection services in Michigan. Ms. Smith and Ms. Bladen also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Sally Borghese of Grand Rapids testified on the performance of the Office of Children's Ombudsman. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Judith Faye of Grand Rapids testified on child protection issues in Michigan.

Beverly Tran of Wayne State University testified on child protection issues in Michigan. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Representative Stahl moved to excuse the absence of Representatives Sheen and Palmer. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

Representative Brenda Clack, Chair_____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk

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